

REMARKS

Further to Amendment filed on April 10, 2009, claims 2, 5, 6 and 12 have been amended in this Amendment. Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-3, 5, 6, and 8-15 will remain pending in the above-identified application, with claims 1, 3, and 9-11 being withdrawn from consideration and claims 2, 5, 6, 8, and 12-15 standing ready for further action on the merits.

In the Advisory Action of April 20, 2009, it is contended that the terms “resin layer” and “reinforcing layer” in the claims are not clearly supported by the specification. In this regard, the term “resin layer” in claims 2, 5 and 12 has been amended to read “resin member” (emphasis added). Support for “resin member” is found at the disclosures at page 8, lines 25-26 and page 10, lines 19-26 of the instant specification, for example. With respect to the term “reinforcing layer,” Applicants respectfully point out that it is described on page 75, lines 9-10 of the present specification. Incidentally, claim 6 has been amended to remove a typographical error.

Accordingly, proper consideration of each of the pending claims is respectfully requested at present, as is entry of the present Amendment.

CONCLUSION

Based upon the amendments and remarks presented herein, the Examiner is respectfully requested to issue a Notice of Allowance clearly indicating that each of the pending claims are allowed.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Toyohiko Konno (Reg. No.

L0053), at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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